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2. [redacted] there will once again be three industrial ministries: the Ministry for Heavy Industry, the Ministry for Machine Construction, and the Ministry for Light Industry. The Ministry for Heavy Industry, it is believed, will include the present Ministry of Mining and Smelting, the State Secretariat for Coal and Power, and the State Secretariat for Chemistry. The Ministry for Machine Construction will probably be an amalgamation of the three machine construction ministries now in existence: The Ministry for General Machine Construction, the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction, and the Ministry for Transportation and Agricultural Machine Construction. The Ministry for Light Industry will probably remain essentially as it is.
3. Repeated rumor has it that Deputy Minister President Heinrich Rau will become Minister for Machine Construction while continuing his present duties, and that the present Minister for Heavy Machine Construction, Gerhard Ziller, will go over to the Central Control Commission. Bernd Weinberger, Minister for the Construction of Agricultural Machinery and Transportation Media, has already gone back to his old job as head of the Reparations Office.
4. No trend toward the revival of the VVB's (Associations of People's-owned Plants) is in evidence. No VED plants have been returned to private ownership, but several which were supposed to be nationalized have now been permitted to retain their private status.

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